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Summary of Conclusions for
Meeting of the NSC Deputies Committee

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SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions of Deputies Committee Meeting on
Bosnia and Croatia (S)

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Kevin BeckellSummary of Conclusions

1. Deputies met to discuss our strategy for dealing with Croatia in the run-up to the March 31 UNPROFOR mandate expiration date. They requested that the State strategy paper be expanded to include a list of incentives and disincentives designed to obtain a positive decision from President Tudjman on retaining UNPROFOR or a similar force. The paper should include options and recommended alternatives to UNPROFOR that we would subsequently propose to Tudjman, in addition to the five-point mandate presented to the Croats in January. Additionally, Deputies asked that the disincentives include specific areas of U.S. and European assistance that we might threaten to suspend if

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Tudjman refuses to retain UNPROFOR in the separation zone, as well as possible carrots to induce his cooperation. The paper should be circulated NLT OOB Thursday, March 2, for consideration by the Deputies that afternoon. (Action: State with JCS input) ~~(S)~~

2. Deputies discussed the issue of prepositioning NATO communications assets to support a NATO-led operation to withdraw UNPROFOR from Bosnia and/or Croatia. Deputies agreed that the issue should be presented to the Principals this week with two options. Option One would authorize U.S. support for prepositioning now as a precautionary move without prejudice to possible future decisions regarding UNPROFOR withdrawal, U.S. participation, and the funding for such actions. Option Two would defer a decision on prepositioning until the military operational plan is reviewed and Congressional authorization and funding have been obtained. Deputies directed that an options paper be circulated NLT OOB Thursday, March 2, for Deputies' review that afternoon and Principals' review Friday, March 3. (Action: JCS/NSC) ~~(S)~~

3. Deputies deferred discussion on the NSC-staff paper "Former Yugoslavia Policy Review" until their next meeting on March 2. For those discussions, they requested a supporting paper outlining options for beefing-up Macedonia should UNPROFOR withdrawal from Bosnia or renewed fighting threaten to expand the conflict. The paper, to include alternative agency views, should be circulated NLT OOB Thursday, March 2. (Action: OSD) ~~(S)~~

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